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Plural and Singular Nouns

Plural Nouns

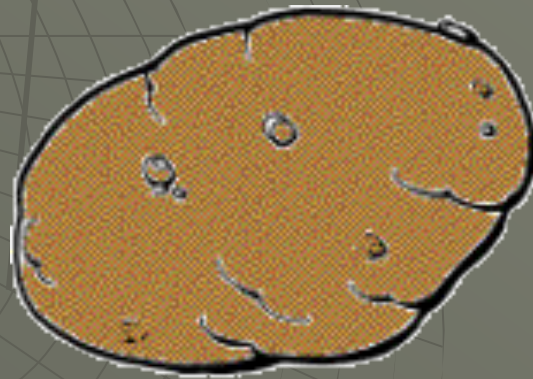
- ◆ A plural form of a noun names more than one. It usually ends with *s* or *es*.

Some nouns that end in **o** change to **es** when made plural. Some change to **s**:

- ◆ kangaroo
 - kangaroos



- ◆ potato
 - potatoes



Rule 1

Most nouns become plural by
adding “**s**”.

boy

book

desk

school

boys**s**

books**s**

desks**s**

schools**s**

Rule 2

Nouns that end in “**ch**”, “**sh**”, “**x**”,
add “**es**”.

Brush



brushes



Rule 2

Nouns that end in “**ch**”, “**sh**”, “**x**”,
add “**es**”.

boxx



boxes



Rule 2

Nouns that end in “**ch**”, “**sh**”, “**x**”,
add “**es**”.

church

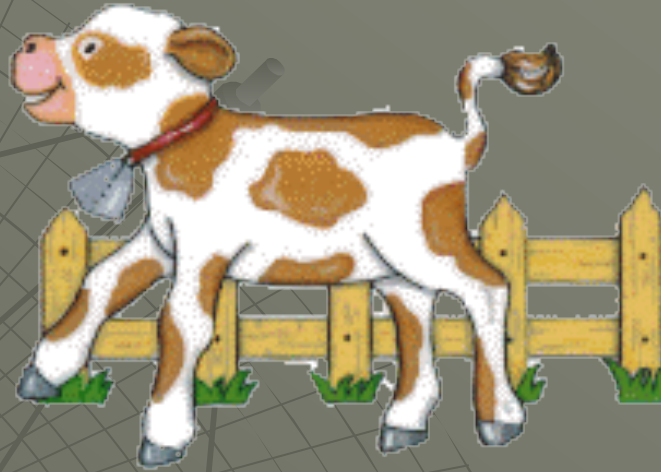


churches

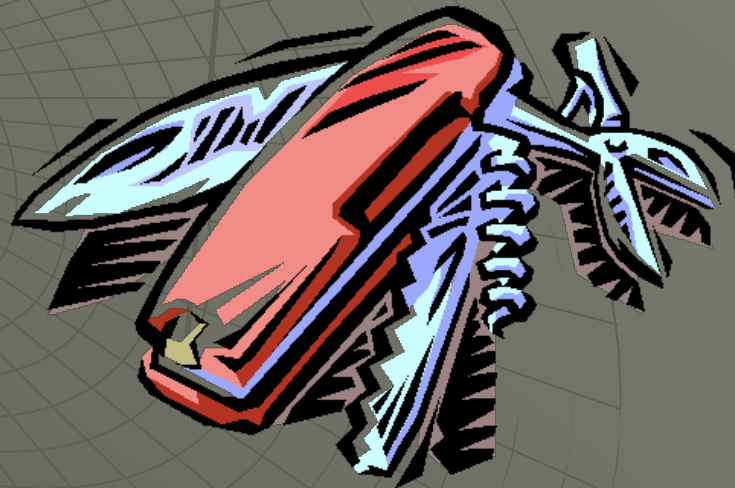


Some nouns that end in **f** or **fe**
change to **ves** when made plural:

- ◆ calf
- calves



- ◆ knife
- knives



Rule 3

Nouns that end in “**f**” or “**fe**”
often change to “**ves**”.

wife

wolf

wi**ves**

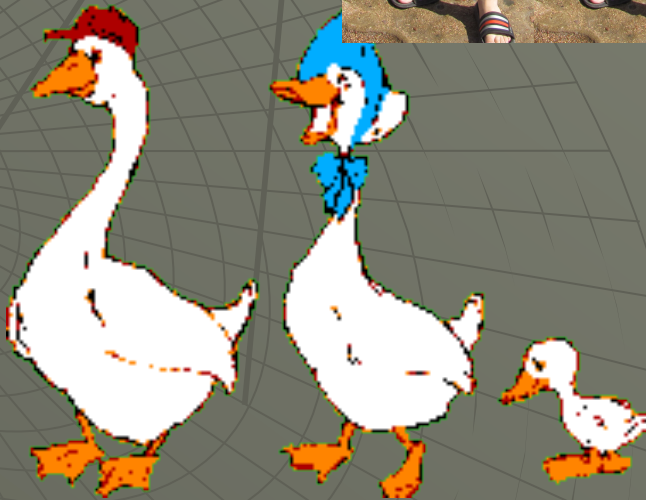
wol**ves**

Some nouns become a new word when made plural:

- ◆ man
 - men



- ◆ goose
 - geese



Rule 4

Some nouns change the inside spelling.

man

men

goose

geese

mouse

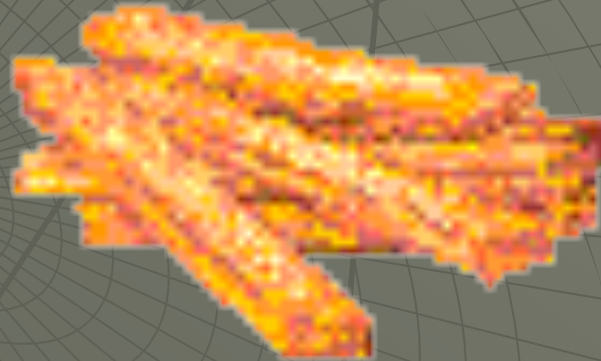
mice

Add ies to make nouns plural that
end with a consonant and a y:

- ◆ lady
 - ladies



- ◆ fry
 - fries



Rule 5

Nouns that end in a consonant letter and “**y**”, drop the “**y**” and add “**ies**”.

sky

sk**ies**

puppy

pupp**ies**

donkey

donkey**s**

key

key**s**

Some nouns do not change at all when made plural:

- ◆ sheep
 - sheep



- ◆ deer
 - deer



Rule 6

Some nouns do not change when making them plural.

wheat

deer

fish

corn

wheat

deer

fish

corn

Review

1. Most nouns become plural by adding
“**s**”.

cup cups

2. Nouns that end in “**ch**”, “**sh**”, “**x**” add
“**es**”

dish dishes

3. Nouns that end in “**f**” or “**fe**” often
change to “**ves**”.

knife knives

Review

4. Some nouns change the inside spelling.

woman women

5. Nouns that end in consonant letter and “y”, drop the “y” and add “ies”.

fly flies

monkey monkeys

6. Some nouns do not change when making them plural.

cotton cotton

Practice

mouse

fly

pen

flash

rice

life

Write P if the noun below is plural.
Write S if the noun below is singular.

1. houses _____

2. baby _____

3. church _____

4. tables _____

5. books _____

6. bus _____

Write P if the noun below is plural.
Write S if the noun below is singular.

1. Houses P
2. baby S
3. church S
4. tables P
5. books P
6. bus S



Can you make these nouns plural?

1. half
2. foot
3. piano
4. spy
5. brush

Can you make these nouns plural?

1. halves
2. feet
3. pianos
4. spies
5. brushes

Can you make these nouns plural?

1. mouse
2. memo
3. shelf
4. leaf
5. child

Can you make these nouns plural?

1. mice
2. memos
3. shelves
4. leaves
5. children

Can you make these nouns plural?

1. thief
2. woman
3. fish
4. photo
5. die

Can you make these nouns plural?

1. thieves
2. women
3. fish
4. photos
5. dice